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For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING SPECIMENS

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Sir:

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hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 11-
288657, filed in Japan on October 8, 1999.

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filed on January 28, 2000, in prior application Serial No. 09/493,104, filed
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First Inventor YOSHIOKA, KEN
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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
[Total Pages: 38]
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Pages: 9]
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Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/493,104

Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____
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